Proposal to Telecast Interviews of M.Ps.

2007.SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government proposes to telecast interviews/introductions of the Members of tenth Lok Sabha who have been elected for the first time;

b) if so, by when it is likely to be telecast and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MNISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (;) to (c). Doordarshan has already telecast iterviews with some Members of Parliament who have been elected for the first time o the tenth Lok Sabha. Telecast of interviews with other such Members of Parliament would depend upon the programme exigencies of Doordarshan.

New Airport Building at Coimbatore

2008. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a new airport building at Coimbatore with night landing facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to operate day and night flights between Coimbatore and Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The new terminal building has already been constructed by National Airports Authority. The following night landing facilities have been provided:-

(1) High Intensity Runway Lighting System (HIRL);

(2) Visual Approach Slope Indicator System (VASI);

(3) Apron Flood Lighting System.

(c) No, Sir,

(d) Does not anse.

S.T.D. Facility in Tamil Nadu

2009. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN:
DR. V. RAJESHWARAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of complaints have ben received from the STD subscribers in Tamil Nadu about the non-functioning of exchanges invariably; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to rectify the defects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir, the STD call success rate in Tamil Nadu is more then 90%.

(b) To further improve the service, the following steps have been taken:-

(i) A new Digital TAX at Tirunelveli is being commissioned shortly.

(ii) Digital TAX at madras is planned to be expanded by 1000 lines during

1992-93 which will facilitate augmentation of junction on a large number of routes.

(iii) Phasing out of electro-mechanical exchanges during the 8th Plan period.

Vijayanagar Steel Plant

2010. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far by the Union Government and the Karnataka Government on the Vijayanagar steel plant; and

(b) when the proposed steel plant is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) and (b). The Union Government has spent around Rs. 12 crores on the Vijayanagar Steel Project. However, an investment decision on this project could not be taken by the Union Government due to resource constraints.

The Karnataka Government has also proposed to set up a steel plant at the same location in the joint sector. Information regarding the amount spent by the State Government on the project and the commissioning schedule has not been received from the State Government.

Performance of News Readers of Doordarshan, Air and Sports Commentators

2011. SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a committee to review the performances of news readers of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the findings of the committee and the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to have a similar committee for reviewing the performances of news readers of AIR.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor:

(e) whether Government are also contemplating to review the performance of sports commentators whose performances have not been upto the mark; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AID BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

(e) There is already a regular system of evaluating the performance of sports commentators.

(f) Does not arise.

Ahmedabad Airport as International Airport

2012. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Ahmedabad Airport as an international airport; and

(b) if so, by when the international flights are likely to be operated?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION